

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on line 4 of page 8
and ending at line 18 of page 8.

Light guide 14 includes a flexible main portion 31 disposed between and connected to proximal body 12 and distal end 16. Main portion 31 includes a flexible, thin-walled sheath 34, preferably constructed of biocompatible polymeric material. Distal portion 16 includes a proximal end 38 that is axially aligned with and extends axially from the distal end 36 38 of main portion 31 along axis A. Distal portion 16 further includes a distal end 44 that is laterally offset from axis A and hence from main portion 31. As shown, the offset of distal end 44 relative to main portion 31 is provided by distal portion 16 being bent or pre-curved to have a rest or relaxed orientation in which the distal end 44 has an axis B that diverges distally at an acute angle relative to axis A of main portion 31.

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